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Hello and a warm welcome to our summer issue of My Village News,
The villages look pretty with colourful gardens, trees and hedgerows all in full bloom.

Historian David Hayns has sent us 'Roads and Lanes Leading to a Vanished Past' you can read it on page 40

Keith Crump sent in his lovely poem "Summer 23" We wonder if 2025 might follow on a similar path.

Tattenhall U3a have sent us an update on their programme of activities.

There are lots of summer events taking place,

Travelling theatres in both Bickerton & Bunbury in July, church teas, fetes and flower festivals.

The annual Art exhibition in Bickerton Village Hall 26th July – 3 August and Deva Fest at Cholmondeley Castle

you will find full details of all these events inside.

Lots to see and do in our very lovely part of the country.

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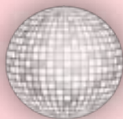


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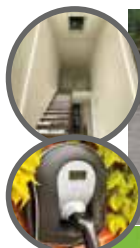
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Summer 23 by Keith J Crump

Heralded by the aroma of burned charcoal, drifting on evening breeze.

Summer seems to have come early this year.

It seems Mother Nature is always piling her incidents upon our unreadiness.

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Fledglings already flown,

Lawns take on a look of burnt toast, a result of impetuous unthinking.

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On rising we reach for protection,

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Connected to various sprinklers, hosepipes come out of hibernation,

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Managing your current assets tax-efficiently now will help you achieve the lifestyle you want in retirement.

Planning a tax-smart retirement

Some days you can't imagine ever retiring. Other days, you wish you were hanging up your boots tomorrow. But when the day comes, you want to start retirement with a sense of anticipation of all that lies ahead, safe in the knowledge that you've put enough money by for a comfortable retirement.

And that takes careful financial planning.

These days, retirement planning is about making sure you've got plenty of options to live later-life the way you want to – not the way your income means you have to. But the more you've saved, the more choices – and peace of mind – you'll have in later life.

Buying yourself some choices

When you do come to retire, you'll almost certainly be using your pension or ISA savings as one of your main sources of income. Both of these can help shelter your dividends, interest or other profit from both Income and Capital Gains Tax, which can make your money go much further.

The first step is to audit what you've got. Make sure each of your assets is working as tax-efficiently as possible, and what return you're getting, in case you want to move some cash into an ISA or your pension ahead of tax year-end. Each one has a varying degree of risk, and tax-efficiency. That's why it really pays to use your tax allowances and reliefs each year to boost your pension pot, as you get closer to that retirement party.

ISAs and pensions – know your allowances

One of the best ways to boost your pension pot this tax year is to use your full pension annual allowance of £60,000 if you can. This figure includes contributions from yourself, your employer, and any third party as well as tax relief paid to the pension – and it resets every new tax year. Just to be clear, if you're paying into more than one pension, you'll still only have an annual allowance of £60,000 in total pension contributions – not £60,000 per pension.

However, you'll only personally get tax relief on contributions up to 100% of your earnings, or £3,600 – whichever is lower – in each tax year. If you're a higher earner – above £200,000 – your annual allowance may 'taper off'.

If you haven't maxed-out your allowance in the previous three tax years, you can carry it forward. Any amount paid in excess of your available annual allowance, including any carried forward, will be subject to Income tax.

What other allowances could I use to boost my retirement income?

The tax breaks don't stop at pensions and ISAs – you have

some other annual allowances too. If you make a profit from selling assets outside your ISA or pension, the annual Capital Gains Tax (CGT) exemption for 2024/25 is £3,000. Do be aware that you may need to pay CGT on any gain above that amount. The Chancellor made significant changes to the rates of CGT in the Autumn Budget.

You can't carry the CGT allowance over so it's a 'use-it-or-lose-it' tax break. But you can offset losses you made selling other assets to bring any CGT gain down (you do need to declare both gains and losses on your self-assessment tax return).

If you've already used up your ISA allowance, there's still the Personal Savings Allowance (PSA), which can save you tax too. You can earn up to £1,000 of interest before you start being taxed in this tax year, if you're a basic-rate taxpayer. This drops to £500 per year for higher-rate taxpayers, and additional-rate taxpayers can't claim at all.

Finally, think about any dividends you earn. Dividends earned from shares held in ISAs or received by pensions are tax free. You can earn up to £500 before you pay tax if the dividends sit outside those 'wrappers'.

The Dividend Tax for basic-rate taxpayers in 2024/25 is 8.75% and 33.75% for higher-rate taxpayers. For additional-rate payers, the rate is 39.35%.

Taking financial advice for your retirement planning

St. James's Place 2024 consumer survey, The Real Life Advice Report carried out by Opinion on their behalf, revealed that 1 in 5 of us seek advice on retirement planning alone. Not surprisingly that rises to 1 in 3 of those over the age of 44.1 If retirement is on your mind, make a time to talk your plans through with a financial adviser to discuss how you can give your pension pot that final boost before lift-off.

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¹ The Real Life Advice Report was commissioned by St. James's Place. Opinion surveyed 12,000 UK adults in two polls between May and August 2024. Quotas and post-weighting were applied to the sample to make the dataset representative of the UK adult population. Quantitative data referenced is sourced from the first poll which had a total sample of 7,995 respondents. Survey included those aged 18-34 (1,940), aged 35-54 (2,654) & aged 55 and over (3,401).

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ROADS AND LANES LEADING TO A VANISHED PAST David Hayns

Holywell Lane at Clutton, Sadlers Wells in Bunbury and Well Street in Malpas. Do they have anything in common apart from the 'well' element in their names? It is said that a spring arose near Clutton after the body of Saint Winifred, more famously associated with Holywell in North Wales, was rested there in the 7th century on the way to burial in her shrine in Shrewsbury Abbey. Sadlers Wells is now a modern residential road in Bunbury but is shown as an existing road on the 1840s Tithe Map, running alongside the Manorial Allotments owned by John Tollemache. The 1878 Ordnance Survey map shows a well next to the road, adjacent to the allotments, so this is probably one of the original 'Sadlers Wells' providing a water supply for allotment holders, belonging originally to someone named Sadler. Tempting as it is to conjecture, there is no evidence to connect it with Sadler's Wells theatre in London, the birthplace of the Royal Ballet. Well Street in Malpas led to the original town well, the main public water supply from the 18th century, and maybe earlier.

Features which may once have been encountered by travellers were bridges or 'platts' (Platts Lane, Tattenhall) and fords (Ford Lane, Tattenhall and Goldford [cold ford?] Lane, Bickerton). Former important uses of roads are hinted at by Old Coach Road, which was the original stage coach route, now replaced by the A.41, for the road between Broxton and Hampton; Salters Way, part of the A.534 at Bickerton, on the line of the former salt trading route from Nantwich into North Wales; and Highwayside, part of the A.51 to the north of Bunbury, which at one time was part of the important main road known as 'The Great Highway', from London to Holyhead.

Former agricultural connections are remembered by Townfield Lane, Farndon, which led to one of the medieval open fields; Wetreins ('wet furrows') Lane running from Crewe-by-Farndon to Stretton; and Market Place at Hampton where a housing development stands on the site of the former livestock auction, opened in the 1870s and closed in 1989.

Some road names are clues that some of the buildings in them, now private houses, once served their local communities in a variety of ways. Beeston has Chapel Lane where can be found the former Primitive Methodist chapel opened in 1911 and closed for worship in 1971. Another former ecclesiastical building is commemorated by College Lane in Bunbury. When Sir Hugh Calveley rebuilt Saint Boniface church in the 14th century he designed it as a 'collegiate' church, served by a number of chantry priests who lived in their own premises in College Lane. The priests would have been endowed to pray for the souls of the departed, a system which survived until 1548 when King Edward VI did away with chantries. Hampton has two 'post' references in its road names. The former post office, now a private house, is in Post Office Lane whereas Hampton Post Lane, running from Bickerton Road/Long Lane to Hampton Post crossroads, is a reminder that



near there, as George Ormerod wrote in his History of Cheshire (1819), stood once 'an old tree standing in the road of Chester way, from Whitchurch, and reckoned for a mark for Passengers travelling that way'. The tree became known as Hampton Post. Burwardsley's Barracks Lane, location of the recently closed Cheshire Workshops, takes its name from a row of cottages demolished in the 1970s. They may have been converted from a 17th century manor house and possibly at one time they served as a barracks to house itinerant workmen, such as Irish harvesters, or stonemasons employed in the many quarries found in and around Burwardsley.

To end on a romantic note, let's move back to Malpas where the former deep, shady and narrow road, forming the ancient boundary between Malpas and Overton townships on its way down to Overton Heath, once officially called Overton Lane has become known as Love Lane. I wonder why?

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Pictured above, the piper who led the parade, top right, an actor played Churchill's famous pose to great applause, above right even the local dogs joined in the celebrations. Above the Band on a flatbed lorry playing for the crowds, and finally left the Dig for Victory section was a very popular addition to the parade.



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Farndon Community Club

We are delighted that following the recent roof replacement works we have our full range of facilities available again.

Our website also has details of regular classes and other activities currently held including Art Classes, Pilates, Karate, StreetVibes, Dog Handling, and Walking Netball.

If you are looking for a venue, we have a large Main Hall with stage, plus a large studio. Both rooms are suitable for parties and other activities, and both are served by a bar and have access to the kitchen if required. They are available for private hire at very reasonable rates. So if you have a party or other celebration coming up, or you have an activity you'd like to promote, we'd love to hear from you. You can contact us via the website which has a booking request form, by email: contactfcc2024@gmail.com by phone on 07393 601292 or text/phone Hilary Williams on 07966 428673.

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The Butterflies toddler group meet Fridays 09.15 to 10.45am at Shocklach school.

Our Family Fun group meet at the Chapel Fridays 5pm to 6.30pm with crafts, ukelele music and refreshments, everyone welcome.

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The Coddington Parish Council has recently installed a further defibrillator outside The Parish Room in Coddington (next to St Mary's Church) which is accessible to the public 24/7.

TATTENHALL

Events at the Barbour Institute, Tattenhall.

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West Cheshire Rural u3a On July 17th Kevin Reynolds' talk "The pigeon- from the gods to the gutter" looks at our perceptions and complex relationship with this remarkable bird throughout history. Is it a dove of peace or rat with wings?

Join us at the Barbour Institute Tattenhall from 2pm with the speaker slot starting at 2.30 pm. For more information of u3a membership contact our membership secretary at membershipwcru3a@gmail.com

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THE TATTENHALL AND DISTRICT PROBUS CLUB

The Probus Club of Tattenhall and District meets for lunch (normally followed by a speaker), at Gifford Lea, Tattenhall on the second Thursday each month. Although it is a luncheon club for retired PROfessional and BUSIness men, being a rural community members are also from other disciplines. Wives (Partners) are invited to other activities including a Coffee morning on the fourth Thursday and regular social gatherings, for example a Walking group, days out to places of interest. There are also Spring and Christmas special lunches in a different location also including Wives(Partners). We are seeking new members and if you would like to find out more please contact John Mann on 01829782286 or John.Mann100@gmail.

"Tattenhall Runners run club runs on Tuesdays and Thursdays, with groups of different speeds and distances suitable for all runners. Winter runs are on runs and summer runs are on the trails. We would love to welcome you to join us. Full information is on our facebook page, website, or by emailing info@tattenhallrunners.com

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MALPAS

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Malpas Parish Council now meets on the last Thursday of the month at 7pm We are now back in the Jubilee Hall At least one Parish Councillor will be available for a surgery to meet any parishioner to discuss any local government issue on the first Saturday of the month 10am to 11am at The Old Fire Station. If a private discussion is needed, provision can be made.

Malpas Backgammon Group meets on Tuesday evenings at 7pm at The Lion at Malpas. All experience levels are welcome to join at any time. Tuition is provided to those who need or want it. For further information contact Graeme Campbell by email: geesea2@gmail.com

St Oswald's, Malpas

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 11:00am Parish Communion service with hymns, and a sermon,
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St John's, Threapwood 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month

9:30am Holy Communion (BCP with hymns and a sermon)

Holy Trinity, Bickerton 9:30am Parish Communion

(service with hymns, a sermon, and refreshments afterwards)

Malpas Bridge Club Wednesday evenings at the Jubilee Hall, Malpas from 6.15pm for a 6.45pm start. For further information please contact Bill Stevenson 07495 181208

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Malpas Flower Club -The Committee have been very busy organising trips to the Theatre and our Annual Open Event. Forty ladies had a successful trip to see “Calamity Jane” at the Opera House, Manchester. Our next Theatre trip is planned for October to see “Fiddler on the Roof” at the Palace Theatre. In March we had our ever popular Open Day attended by 70 ladies enjoying a lovely lunch followed by a very interesting talk from one of the Late Queen’s Dress Makers. For more info on what we get up, please contact our Chairman, Janet Blake on 01948 860359.

One Achord Choir have recently moved their weekly practices to Alport School in Malpas. We are a friendly group of ladies all sharing a love of singing. Why not come and join us? Practices are held 7:15 to 9:15pm on Tuesday evenings during school term time and we aim to perform at least a couple of concerts and various other engagements during the year. If you're interested, get in touch through our Facebook page, website oneachord.org or call Krista on 07522 882874.

Malpas Amateur Gardeners.

We have been celebrating

a milestone birthday of our Patron and Founder Member of Malpas Flower Club, Mrs Sheenagh Bradbury who reached the grand age of 100. What a remarkable lady and an inspiration to us all. Also, celebrating milestone birthdays are Mrs Allen, Mrs Alma Corbett

(Club President) and Mrs Audrey Schofield (Joint Vice President) whom have all served on the Committee and made a huge contribution to the success of our club. We wish them all the very best of health and look forward to their continued support in the future.

In June we had the pleasure of welcoming Mark Entwistle, renowned Floral Designer who demonstrated his love of flowers displaying spectacular arrangements entitled “Botanical Art”. And in July we have our AGM to finish our membership year being held at Whitchurch Rugby Club.

We will be back in September for another full year of flowers and fauna so if you would like to come and join us on the 3rd Monday of each month in the Jubilee Hall watching demonstrators creating beautiful arrangements, you will be made most welcome.

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TILSTON

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SHOCKLACH

Shocklach Gardening Group

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We meet for a 7:30 pm start at the W.I hall on Chorlton Lane, SY14 7EP and look forward to seeing you there. Visitors are always welcome.

Information: Wendy Gilpin: 01829 250 413

ALDFORD

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Shout-out to Our Incredible Team

We want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our amazing cooks, Vicki and Janet, and to the whole team who make Tilly's so special. Their creativity, care, and consistent hard work are the reasons we've been able to grow, improve, and shine.

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Aldersey & Coddington WI at Coddington Village Hall
July meeting with Jane Allison "Making the Most of Your Garden"
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month 7.15 pm Contact Mrs. Liz Macphee 01829 782692

Broxton and Bickerton WI: Our meetings are normally held on the last Wednesday of the month in the Bickerton Village Hall at 7.30 pm. The meeting this month will be on 16th July when Andy Kevin will talk on Cyber Crime and on August 27th: Monty the Hearing Dog.

Our Coffee Morning, is on the first Wednesday of the month at the Bickerton Poacher. We have two monthly Walking Groups and many other activities. Guests are very welcome. Check our website, broxtonbickertonwi.org.uk or phone Jenny Jones on 01829 847 220

Bunbury WI. meets on the second Thursday of the month at Bunbury Playing Fields Pavilion at 7:30pm. On 10 July we look forward to Viv Bettley-Eagles and Bollywood Dance for Fun Team. Our August Meeting is Members only 'Picnic in the Pavilion'. New Members and guests are warmly welcomed. For further information contact Lynda Davies 01829 863781.

Chorlton & Cuddington WI Our next meeting at 2pm on Wednesday 2nd July when the speaker is Liz Wilson of Ma Bakers who not only produces amazing sourdough, focaccia and marmite loaves to name but three, runs bread making courses in her bakery in Overton on Dee.

On Wednesday 6th August we welcome another local entrepreneur, Linda Williams who will be talking about her amazing vineyard in Bangor on Dee and the fabulous wines they produce. Guests are most welcome. For further information contact Maggie Low 07958 876043.

Eaton WI Regular groups such as Learning to Crochet; Art and a Lunch Group continue to prove successful. Eaton WI welcomes visitors to meetings: we meet on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at 7.30p.m. The full programme can be seen on the noticeboard in the Jessie Hughes Village Hall and on the Village noticeboard. Should you require any further information please contact Dianne Ouseley (President) on 01829 733639.





Farndon & District WI On Tuesday 29th July, Ian Gibbons, Radio Deeside presenter and energy behind the famous Farndon Soapbox Derby, will be “Remembering the Royal Charter tragedy”. Come and find out more about the Royal Charter, a fast emigrant ship which sank within a few hours of the end of her voyage from the goldfields of Australia to her home port of Liverpool. Within 50 yards of shore. No women or children survived. Come along and join us in Farndon Memorial Hall, Church Lane, Farndon at 7:30 for 8:00pm. For more information, please contact Sarah

Huxley & Hargrave WI Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday in the month October to March at Huxley Village Hall 2pm / April to September at Hargrave Church Hall 7.30pm.

July 9th - ‘Tiger Tease’ with Russel Clarke

August 13th - ‘Tarporley Revisited Part 2’ with Pat Symms

September 10th - ‘Chocolate-the History and Life running a Chocoate Shop in Tarporley’ with C.Hardy

Visitors always welcome - details of future speakers, visits and outings from Secretary on 01829 781298.

Marbury WI meet on the second Tuesday of the month at 1.30 from November to December and 7.30 from April to October in Marbury Village Hall. 10th June 7.30 pm

8th of July 7:30 PM with Denise Cornes “Being Creative with Paper the competition A Letter Knife Opener

no meeting in August as we have an Outing

9th of September 7:30 PM with Simon Michael “My Life in Crime the competition A Crime novel

Visitors are very welcome - we are a very friendly Group.

For further information please contact Janet Wheeler 01948 665981

Whitchurch Walkers Wednesday 9th July 10.00am at Sherymill Car park

This walk is in the Merrington Green Woods area

A 6 mile walk, bring a pack lunch, dogs welcome

WYBUNBURY AREA Sunday 13th July 10am at Sherymill Car Park

This walk is round the Wybunbury area and is an easy 7.5 mile walk

ASH, MARTIN'S ASH, BROUGHALL, BROWN MOSS LOOP

Saturday 26th July 1.30pm at Sherrymill Car Park

The walk starts from the White Lion Ash, then heads over to Broughall, Martins Ash and over to Brown Moss. Finally looping back to Ash.

The route is 6.5 miles using some less well known footpaths that have recently been improved. Dogs welcome

For all events see www.whitchurchwalkers.co.uk

SPURSTOW

Spurstow Parish Council www.spurstow-pc.gov.uk Please visit us for all items such as Agendas, Minutes of Parish Meetings, Council Governance, Councillor contact details and other parish related matters.

TIVERTON & TARPORLEY

Tiverton Bridge Club Monday evenings 6.15pm play 6.30pm
Wednesday 1.15 for 1.30pm Contact Barbara Davies 01829 720368

Tiverton Garden Club On the 1st Tuesday of every month at 19.30 in Tiverton Village Hall Huxley Lane Tiverton.
£2 members non-members £3
All welcome membership £10 includes 10% discount card for Oakells Garden Centre. Membership enquiries: Email jeanette.devine.jd@gmail.com..

Tarporley U3a The monthly meeting is held at Tarporley Community Hall. Thursday 24 July Doors open at 09.45 time for tea, coffee, biscuits before the meeting begins at about 10.15 The meeting closes around 11.30
On The Gretna Girls and the Devil's Porridge
David Skillen has already given us a fabulous talk on the Bentley Cars Racing Team and now he tells us a fascinating story about the secret factory which won the First World War.
Everyone has heard of Gretna Green yet few people have heard of HM Factory, Gretna. In 1915, a huge and top-secret factory was constructed to provide ammunition for the war effort. It was designed and built in a matter of months and staffed by women and girls from all over the UK and beyond. Two new towns, Gretna and Eastriggs, were built to accommodate the workers and this amazing achievement was vital to helping the British Army to final victory in World War One.
You can find out more from the u3a website – <https://tarporleyanddistrict.u3asite.uk> - where the monthly newsletter is available, as is information on how to join the u3a.

BUNBURY

Photography Club in Bunbury. If you enjoy taking photos with a camera or your phone and want to meet other photo enthusiasts in a very relaxed fun environment with no membership fees or committees please get in touch. Everyone's welcome with all levels of experience from Bunbury and surrounding villages.

As its a new club meeting day still tbc. It could be daytime or evening!
Please contact me for further information and to register your interest.
Carol Wallace 07789668044 or cwallace0910@gmail.com.

Bunbury Website For more news about what is happening in Bunbury please visit www.bunburyvillage.info. This site is run by volunteers and is intended as a resource for visitors and anyone living in the village or surrounding area. Information includes regular events in the Pavilion and Village Hall, the latest Parish Council news and the annual village day.

Rain or Shine Outdoor theatre company are coming to the Yew Tree Inn
Bunbury this summer Sunday 6th July ant 4.00pm and The Rivals is this years production. Always a hilariously professional production to enjoy.

Bunbury Gardening Club

17th June is a visit to Kate Huet's Physic Garden,
57 High Street, Great Budworth, Northwich CW9 6HF
PLEASE attend at venue promptly at 6.30pm. Share lifts with friends where possible. Members and visitors all welcome
See Bunbury Gardening Club FACEBOOK page or contact Margaret Bourne on 01829 260944 or email:mjbourne249@tiscali.co.uk

HUXLEY

Hargrave and Huxley Historical Society

Our programme of talks has now finished for the summer.

We will recommence on Monday 8th September at Hargrave Church Hall, starting at 7.30pm.

Rob Phillpot will be giving a talk titled The Huxley Hoard and the Vikings in Cheshire.

Non members are very welcome. £3.00, including light refreshments.
contact: denisecheetham@hotmail.co.uk.

BICKERTON

Bickerton Village Hall Website: bickertonvillagehall.com & on Facebook or bickvillagehall@outlook.com Film Night is June 23rd (Bridget Jones; Mad About the Boy). Doors & Bar open at 7pm Film starts at 7.30pm

Further information on all regular classes can be found on our website.

The July car boot sale and market will be Saturday 5th and Sunday 6th July respectively

On Friday July 18th the Whitchurch Players are coming to the Hall with 3 short comedy plays - watch out for more details later

And the 18th BVH Art Exhibition is in preparation and will run from Sat 26th July to Sunday 3rd August.

Summer Bingo 8th July in aid of Bickerton Church in the Bickerton Village Hall doors open at 7:00 pm eyes down 7:45 resident caller Carl

New Pilates Class Bickerton Village Hall Tuesdays 10:00 am
All abilities welcome please contact Estelle to book your place
07957 413 887 e-mail Estellebatty@gmail.com

Bickerton and Egerton Parish Council.
website is www.bickertonandegertonpc.org

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for membership details
Annual Senior membership £60, Family £100, Junior £20, Intermediate £25

BULKELEY AND RIDLEY

The Bulkeley and Ridley Parish Council website is now fully functioning. It contains all the latest accounts, minutes of meetings and other relevant information.

Bulkeley and Ridley Parish Council have a new Facebook Page.

Please visit and 'Like us' at: <https://www.facebook.com/bulkeleyandridleyparishcouncil>

You may access the website through www.bulkeleyandridley.org.uk. Your feed back would be appreciated via the email address given on the website.

Brown Knowl Methodist Church the Rev Donna Broadbent-Kelly
You are welcome to join us for worship on Sunday Mornings at 10.45am followed by Coffee and biscuits. For any further information please phone or see our website. Details below or contact 01244 535231 for general information.

Website: www.brownknowlmethodist.com

July Saturday 19th We will be holding the second of our yearly afternoon teas in the Church Hall from 2.00pm – 4.00pm

The cost will be £10.00 per person. We have limited the tickets to 50 so please contact 01829 782470 or 01948 820568 to book your ticket.

August Saturday 16th. 2.00pm – 4.00pm. Afternoon Tea. Again, Please use the Contact Numbers for July to book your tickets. Thank You.

Sunday September 28th Harvest Festival Service 10.45am

BEESTON & PECKFORTON

Peckforton Parish

For any Parish enquiries please contact

Chair: Neil Dyer (Peckfortonparishchair@gmail.com)

Clerk: Chris Jones (Peckfortonparishclerk@gmail.com)

Peckforton and Beeston Village Hall, Hill Lane, Peckforton CW6 9TW

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Contact pbvhcommittee@gmail.com

FORTHCOMING EVENTS AT THE HALL:

Sunday 29 June - PIT STOP CAFE – tea, coffee and bacon butties on sale from 10 am to 1pm. All welcome. Free admission.

Friday 11 July – Friday Night Social and RACE NIGHT -- come and enjoy a drink with your neighbours and a flutter on some pre-recorded races on the big screen. Will you back a winner?! Bar, pizza. Chips and charity raffle. All welcome. Free admission. Please bring cash for betting. NB: This event replaces the Quiz Night that was scheduled for Sat 12 July.

Sunday 27 July - PIT STOP CAFE – tea, coffee and bacon butties on sale from 10 am to 1pm. All welcome. Free admission.

Sunday 31 August - PIT STOP CAFE – tea, coffee and bacon butties on sale from 10 am to 1pm. All welcome. Free admission.

Visit www.peckfortonparish.org.uk/PBVH or the PBVH Facebook page for more information on all events including our regular Peckforton Pit-Stop Cafes (last Sunday of month), Craft and Chat (every Weds) and health and wellness classes (Pilates, Tai Chi, Restorative Movement and Sound Bath sessions).

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